

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF NEVADA

EDWARD COULSON,

Plaintiff(s),

vs.

SOUTHERN NEVADA MOVERS,

Defendant(s).

Case No. 2:16-cv-01989-RFB-NJK

ORDER

(Docket Nos. 11-15)

Plaintiff is proceeding in this case *pro se* and, on September 21, 2016, he filed six different motions. This order resolves five of those motions: (a) motion for status hearing (Docket No. 11); (b) motion to schedule a preliminary hearing (Docket No. 12); (c) motion to set a trial date (Docket No. 13); (d) motion for a Rule 16 hearing (Docket No. 14); and (e) motion for appointment of *pro bono* counsel (Docket No. 15).¹ With respect to the three motions to set various hearings, the Court finds a hearing not appropriate at this time. With respect to the motion to set a trial date, that motion is premature because a trial date will be set (if the case survives the pleadings and dispositive motions) once a joint pretrial order is submitted. *See, e.g.*, Local Rule 16-4, Local Rule 26-1(b)(5). With respect to the motion for appointment of *pro bono* counsel, the Court finds that appointment

¹ In response to the motion to dismiss, Plaintiff filed a notice of appeal. Docket No. 8. This notice of appeal does not divest the Court of jurisdiction to resolve the matters currently pending here. *See, e.g., Nascimento v. Dummer*, 408 F.3d 905, 910 (9th Cir. 2007) (“when an improper appeal is taken, the district court retains its jurisdiction to act on the case”).

1 of counsel is not appropriate in this case. *Cf.* Gen. Order 2014-01 (outlining standards for referral
2 to the Court's *pro bono* pilot program). Accordingly, the motions at Docket Nos. 11-15 are
3 **DENIED.**

4 The Court recognizes that Plaintiff is proceeding *pro se* and may lack extensive experience
5 in civil litigation in federal court. As such, Plaintiff is advised that he should refrain from filing
6 excessive and unnecessary motions on the docket.

7 IT IS SO ORDERED.

8 Dated: September 23, 2016

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NANCY J. KOPPE
United States Magistrate Judge
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